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APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

1. Filing Fee

a. The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims as filed in the prior application, less any claims canceled by amendment below, plus any claims added by preliminary amendment:

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BASIC FEE			\$750
TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>32</u> - 20 =	17	x 18 = <u>\$216</u>
INDEP CLAIMS	<u>2</u> - 3 =	0	x 84 = <u>\$0</u>
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			x 280 = <u>\$0</u>
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2. Applicant claims small entity status.

3. Specification. [Total Pages 49]

4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113). [Total Sheets 15]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
 - ii. Post Office Address(es) Of Inventor(s)
A communication regarding the post office address(es) of the inventor(s)
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission)

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. Power of Attorney
 - a. Newly executed power of attorney
 - b. Copy of the current power of attorney in the prior application.
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with PTO-1449
 - a. Copies of the items listed on the PTO-1449
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
15. Foreign Priority
 - a. Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 to application _____ filed on _____
 - b. A certified copy of said application
 - i. is enclosed
 - ii. has been filed in application serial no. _____ filed on _____
16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. Other
 - a. General Authorization/Petition For Extension Of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3))
 - b. General Authorization To Charge Deposit Account (37 C.F.R. § 1.25(b))
 - c. _____

CONTINUING APPLICATIONS:

18. For Continuing Applications Only

a. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application serial no.: 09/547,560

Prior application information:

Examiner: Minh H. Trinh

Group Art Unit: 3729

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 to the above-mentioned prior application.

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, for which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

b. Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) application of Serial No. 09/547,560, filed April 12, 2000.—

Amendment to specification not needed if Application Data Sheet used.

c. Cancel in this application original claims 1-18 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

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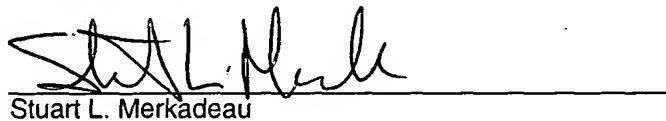
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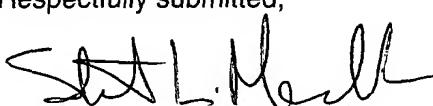
GENERAL AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

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Throughout prosecution of the above-identified patent application and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.25(b), where no check is received by the Commissioner, Applicants hereby authorize and request the Commissioner to charge all fees due at any time during the pendency of the above-identified application (or to credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 50-0285 (Order No. P116D1-US).

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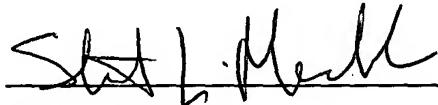
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